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NOTE FOR: Mr. Barnes

1. For your request herewith, very briefly, the two PSE plans you asked about.

D-40 - "Plan for Psychological Exploitation of Stalin's Death." Approved 23 April 1953. It seeks to "devise a plan of psychological operations as one part of a comprehensive program for the exploitation of Stalin's death and the transfer of power to new hands in order to make real progress toward our national objectives."

D-45 - "Interim U.S. Psychological Strategy Plan for Exploitation of Unrest in Satellite Europe." Approved 29 June 1953. It seeks to "assess the significance of recent signs of unrest in the European satellites of the USSR, particularly in the so-called German People's Republic, to estimate US psychological capabilities for influencing the situation, and to develop a realistic program of coordinated US psychological operations to exploit rapidly existing opportunities for furthering U.S. and Free World objectives in the satellite states of Europe, while laying the foundation for more ambitious programs in the future if events should warrant them."

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